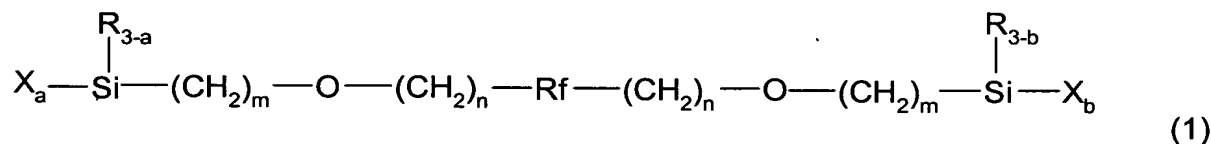


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A lens comprising a lens substrate, a surface layer, and a backing member provided beneath the said surface layer, wherein the in which said backing member is either identical to the said lens substrate, or a separate layer from the said lens substrate, wherein the said surface layer comprises a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the a-general formula (1) shown below:



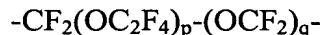
wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula  $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$  wherein, k represents an integer of from 1 - 6 1 to 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of from 0 to 2 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of from 1 - 5 1 to 5 and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3 and the surface layer is formed by vacuum-depositing the perfluoropolyether modified silane directly onto the backing member, and subsequently performing hydrolysis and condensation.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the said Rf group in the said-general formula (1) is a bivalent group comprising a perfluoropolyether structure represented by the a-general formula shown below:



wherein, 1 represents an integer of 1 or greater.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ Rf group in the ~~said general~~ formula (1) is a bivalent group comprising a perfluoropolyether structure represented by the ~~a general~~ formula shown below:



wherein, p and q each represent an integer of 1 or greater, a sum of p + q is an integer from 10 - 100, ~~10 to 100~~ and the repeating units represented by (OC<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>) and (OCF<sub>2</sub>) in the ~~general~~ formula are arranged at random.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein each group X in the ~~said general~~ formula (1) represents, independently, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, an isopropenoxy group or a chlorine atom.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the ~~said~~ surface layer is within a range ~~of from~~ 0.1 nm - 5 μm ~~0.1 nm to 5 μm~~.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ backing member is different from the ~~said~~ lens substrate, and is an inorganic anti-reflective layer.

7. **(Canceled)**

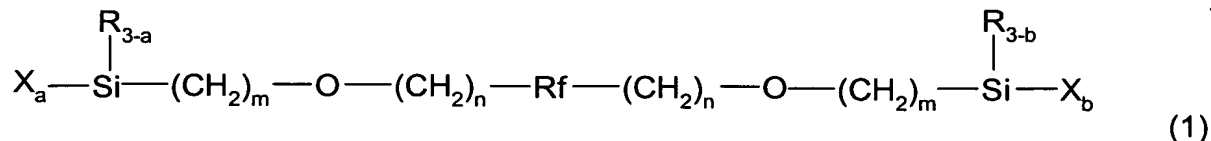
8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Canceled)**

**Please add the following new claims:**

10. **(New)** A lens comprising a lens substrate, a surface layer, and a backing member provided beneath the surface layer, wherein the backing member is either identical to the

lens substrate, or a separate layer from the lens substrate, wherein the surface layer comprises a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the formula (1) shown below:

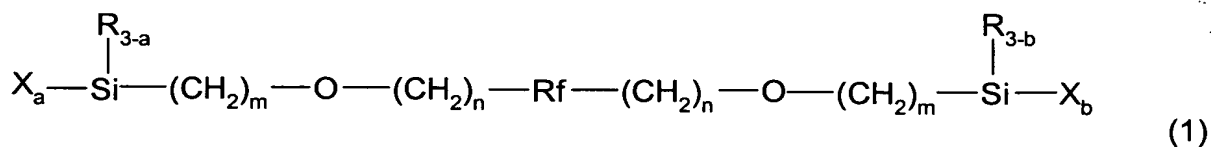


wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula  $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$  wherein, k represents an integer of 1 - 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of 1 - 5, and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3, and the surface layer is formed by vacuum-depositing the perfluoropolyether modified silane directly onto the backing member.

**11. (New)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the backing member is identical to the lens substrate.

**12. (New)** A process for producing a lens comprising vacuum-depositing a surface layer onto a lens substrate or a backing member on a lens substrate, wherein the surface layer comprises:

a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane represented by the formula (1) shown below:



wherein, Rf is a bivalent group comprising a straight chain perfluoropolyether structure containing no branching and comprising a unit represented by a formula  $-(\text{C}_k\text{F}_{2k}\text{O})-$  wherein, k

represents an integer of 1 - 6, each R represents, independently, a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 - 8 carbon atoms, each X represents, independently, a hydrolysable group or a halogen atom, each n represents, independently, an integer of 0 - 2, each m represents, independently, an integer of 1 - 5 and each of a and b represents, independently, 2 or 3.

**13. (New)** The process according to claim 12, further comprising subsequently performing hydrolysis and condensation.

**14. (New)** The lens according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether modified silane is applied in the form of a vapor.

**15. (New)** The process according to claim 12, wherein the perfluoropolyether modified silane is applied in the form of a vapor.--